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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 July 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Claims

1. The amendment file don July 23, 2008 has added new claims 14-16 and no claim has been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-16 are pending in this application.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities: typographical error. The term "An" has been interpreted as --The-- for the purpose of art rejection below. Appropriate correction is required.

3. Claim 8 is object to because of the following informalities: typographical error. The comma at end of the sentence needs to deleted (Page 7 line 15). Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

5. Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed

invention. “.... the sensor system comprising an accelerometer/silicon crystal, microphone and temperature sensor.....”. Applicant only disclose sensor system comprises at least one of the following sensors: accelerometer/silicon crystal, microphone, frequency transmitters, strain gauges, camera, temperature sensors, UV/photocells, electronic noses, anemometers, infrared sensors, gamma transducers, laser sensors, inductive sensors, flow sensors, level transducers, tension gauges and pressure gauges in [0031]. Since these limitation was not described in original disclosure. Therefore, these claims are consider as new matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vock et al. (Pub # US 2005/0080566 A1), and in view of Raymond et al. (Pub # US 2004/0087839 A1).

Consider claim 1, Vock et al. teaches an alarm system intended to trigger an alarm signal upon deviation (exceed some predetermined threshold or value) from at least one environment-dependent references (events) predetermined for a specific environment [0037 lines 1-3], the alarm system comprising: at least one portable unit (alarm monitor) (876, Fig. 55) [0341 lines 19-20] having a size not greater than a mobile telephone intended to be placed in said environment, each portable unit comprising: a sensor system (Abstract lines 1-4) for recording a normal state of the environment while in the environment, the predetermined environment-

dependent reference being at least the recorded normal state of the environment [0338 lines 8-20], the sensor system comprising an accelerometer/silicon crystal being triaxial [0037 lines 4-7], a processor member connected to the sensor system and adapted for the comparison (to determine) of signals received (events) from the sensor system and said predetermined environment-dependent reference (threshold or value) [0037 lines 4-7], a communication member of a unique identity connected to the processor member [0063 lines 1-4] and adapted for wireless communication upon, for instance, the triggering of an alarm signal, and a positioning member connected to the processor member and adapted to indicate, at least upon the triggering of an alarm signal, the position of said unit [0071 lines 6-10], and a memory member connected to the processor member (within 1620, Fig. 73) via a distributed computer network (1630, Fig. 73), the memory member being adapted for the storage of said predetermined storage of said predetermined reference and for dynamic and interactive update and development of different purposes [0041] by manoeuvring via fixed and/or mobile telephony and/or radio and/or computer unit [0071 lines 6-10].

Vock et al. does not specifically disclose each sensor system comprising an accelerometer/silicon crystal, microphone and temperature sensor.

In the same field of endeavor, Raymond et al. teaches each comprising an accelerometer/silicon crystal, microphone and temperature sensor [0052] for the benefit of enhances multiple monitoring capabilities.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine an accelerometer/silicon crystal, microphone and

temperature sensor into each unit as shown in Raymond et al., in Vock et al. Device for the benefit of enhances multiple monitoring capabilities.

Consider claim 2, Vock et al. teaches the alarm system, wherein each sensor system furthermore comprises at least one of the following sensors: frequency transmitters, strain gauges, camera, UV/photocells, electronic noses, anemometers, infrared sensors, gamma transducers, laser sensors, inductive sensors, flow sensors, level transducers, tension gauges and pressure gauges [0195 lines 7-9].

Consider claim 3, Vock et al. teaches the alarm system, wherein each positioning member consists of at least one of the following units: GPS unit, GPRS unit and GSM unit [0305 lines 3-8].

Consider claim 4, Vock et al. teaches the alarm system, wherein said predetermined reference consists of a sound/vibration image specific to each portable unit [0265 lines 1-4].

Consider claim 5, Vock et al. teaches the alarm system, wherein each unit comprises at least one basic module, as well as a protecting cover [0009 lines 12-15].

Consider claim 6, Vock et al. teaches the alarm system, wherein the memory member is adapted for continuous storage of comparisons and/or continuous storage of deviations (events) [0215 lines 1-9].

Consider claim 7, Vock et al. teaches the alarm system, wherein the memory member consists of a database [0317 lines 22-24].

Consider claim 8, Vock et al. teaches a method for triggering an alarm signal by means of an alarm system, comprised of at least one portable unit (alarm monitor) (876, Fig. 55) [0341 lines 19-20] having a size not greater than a mobile telephone and intended to be placed in an

environment, each portable unit comprising a sensor system (Abstract lines 1-4) for recording a normal state of the environment while in the environment [0338 lines 8-20], the sensor system comprising an accelerometer/silicon crystal being triaxial [0037 lines 4-7], a processor member connected to the sensor system and adapted for the comparison (to determine) of signals received (events) from the sensor system and a recorded predetermined environment-dependent reference (threshold or value) [0037 lines 4-7], a communication member of a unique identity connected to the processor member [0063 lines 1-4] and adapted for wireless communication upon, for instance, the triggering of an alarm signal, and a positioning member connected to the processor member and adapted to indicate, at least upon the triggering of an alarm signal, the position of said unit [0071 lines 6-10], a memory member connected to the processor member (within 1620, Fig. 73) via a distributed computer network (1630, Fig. 73), and for dynamic and interactive update and development for different purposes [0041] by manoeuvring via fixed and/or mobile telephony and/or radio and/or computer unit [0071 lines 6-10], the method comprising the steps of: by means of the sensor system detecting (date is acquired) different states (events) comprising vibrations, relative position changes, accelerations and temperature [0080 lines 1-6], wherein said accelerations are detected against three axes [0037 lines 4-7]; comparing the signals received from the sensor system and at least one environment-dependent references (events) predetermined (threshold) [0037 lines 4-7] for a specific environment and stored in the memory member (20 Fig. 1); the predetermined environment-dependent reference being at least the recorded normal states of the environment; upon deviation from said environment-dependent reference/references (events), triggering (exceed) an alarm signal (predetermined threshold) [0193 lines 12-16]; and according to instantaneous control or

predetermined configuration, by means of the communication member of a unique identity [0063 lines 1-4], transmitting a message to at least one receiver [0195 lines 1-4]; and according to instantaneous control or predetermined configuration, by means of the positioning member, determining the position of the unit; transmitting the position to the at least one receiver [0241]; and dynamically and interactively updating and developing said memory member [0242 lines 1-3] for different purposes by manoeuvring via fixed and/or mobile telephony and/or radio and/or computer unit (Fig. 73).

Consider claim 9, Vock et al. teaches the method, wherein the detection step comprises: detecting (acquire data) of the different states (events) by means of an accelerometer/silicon crystal [0037 lines 1-7], microphone [0204] and temperature sensor [0080 lines 1-6].

Consider claim 10, Vock et al. teaches the method according, wherein the detection step furthermore comprises: the further detection of different states by means of the following sensors: frequency transmitters, strain gauges, camera, UV/photocells, electronic noses, anemometers, infrared sensors, gamma transducers, laser sensors, inductive sensors, flow sensors, level transducers, tension gauges and pressure gauges [0195 lines 7-9].

Consider claim 11, Vock et al. teaches the method, wherein the positioning step comprises: the determining the position by means of at least one of the following units: GPS unit, GPRS unit and GSM unit [0305 lines 3-8].

Consider claim 12, Vock et al. teaches the method, wherein the method furthermore comprises the step of: registering and in the memory member storing the reference (events) [0215 lines 1-9] which consists of a sound/vibration image specific to each unit [0265 lines 1-4].

Consider claim 13, Vock et al. teaches at least one computer software product directly downloadable in the internal memory of at least one digital computer, comprising software code portions for executing the steps when said at least one product is run on said at least one computer [0322 lines 1-5].

Consider claim 14, Vock et al. clearly shown and disclose the alarm system, wherein the state comprises at least one of vibrations, relative position changes or accelerations [0265 lines 1-4].

Consider claim 15, Vock et al. clearly shown and disclose the alarm system, wherein the predetermined environment-dependent reference is default settings for the portable unit supplemented by the recorded normal state of the environment [0037 lines 1-7].

Consider claim 16, Vock et al. clearly shown and disclose the alarm system, wherein the sensor system is comprised of a plurality of different environment-dependent sound/vibration sensors [0036].

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments, see Remark, filed 7/23/2008, with respect to Specification and Claim Objection have been fully considered and amended suggested by Examiner in prior Office Action. The Objections of Specification and Claim has been withdrawn.

9. Applicant's arguments, see Remark, filed 7/23/2008, with respect to 35 USC § 112 Rejection have been fully considered and amended as suggested by Examiner in prior Office Action. The 35 USC § 112 Rejection of claims 1 and 8 has been withdrawn.

10. Applicant's arguments filed 7/23/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding claims 1-13, Applicant argues that a claim under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over a combination of references, an Examiner must point to a reason as to why one of ordinary skill in the relevant art would have combined the cited references to produce the claimed invention, and the resulting combination is not the claimed invention because such references do not disclose an alarm system that triggers an alarm signal upon a deviation from at least one environment-dependent reference predetermined for a specific environment, where the alarm system includes a sensor system for recording a normal state of the environment while in the environment and a processor member for comparing signals from the sensor system with the predetermined environment-dependent reference, and where the predetermined environment-dependent reference is at least the recorded normal state of the environment, as now recited in amended independent claims 1 and 8 of the present application. The Examiner respectfully disagrees. As stated in claim rejection above, Vock et al. teaches similar invention in each aspects disclosed in applicant's invention, which shows the alarm triggering when the event exceed the predetermined threshold. Vock et al. also disclosed the various sensor systems in various embodiments for various applications. These addition or rearrangement does not yield unpredictable results. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill at the time the invention was made to combined different sensors or added additional sensors for the specific application.

Conclusion

11. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JACK WANG whose telephone number is (571)272-1938. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Wu can be reached on 571-272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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